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Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 4-6 have been amended and claims 3 and 21 have been cancelled.

Below is a discussion of the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 3-6 and 21.

1. 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection of claims and 21.

Claims 3-6 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention. The Office Action argues that claims 3 and 21 are indefinite because it is unclear as to what A and B stand for. The Office Action also argues that claim 4 is definite because the "x" value in claim 4 is outside the range of that recited in claim 3. Further, the Office Action argues that claim 6 is indefinite because it is unclear as to the value of x related to AB₂.

By the present Amendment, Applicants have cancelled claims 3 and 21. Accordingly, Applicants respectively submit that the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 3-4 and 21 is moot. Also by the present Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 6 by deleting the value of "x". Accordingly, Applicants respectively request that the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 3-6 and 21 be withdrawn.

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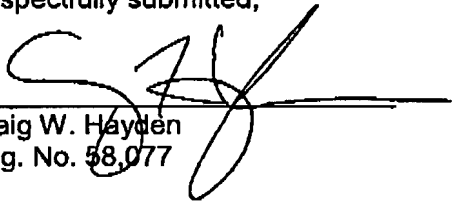
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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified Application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified Application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this matter to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,



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